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## NOTE NEW RAILROAD EQUIPMENT, NEW CONSTRUCTION

ALL-METAL PASSENGER CARS -- Moscow, Gudok, 22 Nov 51

Recently, three all-metal passenger cars for the Moscow--Alma-Ata express passenger trains arrived in Alma-Ata. By the end of 1951, the Turkestan-Siberia Railroad System will have 80 of these cars. The new cars will make it possible to considerably increase the accommodation of passengers.

By 1 January 1952, all express passenger trains on the Moscow--Alma-Ata run will be made up of all-metal cars.

NEW ELECTRIC TRAIN -- Riga, Sovetskaya Latviya, 23 Nov 51

The Riga Railroad-Car-Building Plant has produced a new three-unit electric train. The car walls are made up of corrugated metal, which decreases the

NEW ELECTRIFIED SECTION -- Moskovskaya Pravda, 13 Dec 51

The newly electrified Katuar-Aprelevka section of the Moscow-Kiev Railroad System is to be opened to traffic in the near future. This will provide electrified service from Moscow to Aprelevka.

Moskovskaya Pravda, 29 Dec 51

The first electric train traveled over the Moscow-Aprelevka electrified section today.

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RR OPERATING TRUCK FLEET ON BOTTLED GAS -- Yerevan, Kommunist, 12 Dec 51

The first gas filling station in Azerbaydzhan was put into operation by the Azerbaydzhan Railroad System. The Azerbaydzhan Scientific Research Institute of Petroleum Refining assisted the transportation workers in equipping the station to handle this gas, obtained during the refining of petroleum.

According to preliminary calculations, the savings effected by one truck during the course of a year would amount to 2,500 rubles. The installation of two 20-liter bottles per truck will permit 300-400 kilometer runs.

Truck transportation between Baku and Baladzhary rail centers is to be the first to use this gas. Afterward, all of the motor transportation of the Azerbaydzhan Railroad System will be converted to using this cheap gasoline substitute, for which no structural changes are required.

AKMOLINSK-PAVLODAR CONSTRUCTION COLUMNS NEAR JUNCTION -- Alma-Ata, Kazakhstan-skaya Pravda, 9 Dec 51

The two mechanized construction columns, from Akmclinsk and Pavlodar, respectively, are now less than 12 kilometers apart. To the west of Ekibastuz, more than 50 kilometers of track have been laid and the track layers are approaching the Shiderty River.

BRYANSK TRANSFORMER STATION UNDER REMOTE CONTROL -- Moscow, Gudok, 30 Oct 51

Four months ago the transformer substation at Bryansk was converted to remote-control operation. The substation is controlled from the dispatcher point of the central distributing substation.

The conversion work was done by workers of the Moscow Electromechanical Institute of Transportation Engineers together with engineers from the Central Department of Power Engineering.

In the rear future the rest of the transformer stations of the Moscow-Kiev Railroad System are to be converted to remote control. This will save 140,000 rubles annually.

NARROW-GAUGE RR COMPLETE YEAR PIAN -- Stalinabad, Kommunist Tadzhikistan, 14 Dec 51

On 12 December 1951 the narrow-gauge railroads of the Tadzhik SSR completed the year plan for hauling in ton-kilometers and pledged to haul an additional 100,000 tons of freight above the plan by the end of 1951.

CAR DELAYS COSTLY -- Kishinev, Sovetskaya Moldaviya, 27 Nov 51

During the past 10 months of 1951, the Kishinev Railroad System has hed to pay 550,000 rubles in fines for car delays above the catablished norms.

LENINGRAD RR SYSTEM CRITICIZED -- Leningradskaya Presda, 7 Dec 51

The Leningrad Railroad System has been criticized for not providing better accommodations for passengers after it was reported that the cars of train No 211 on the Leningrad-Siverskaya run are illuminated by candles as soon as the train leaves the platform in Leningrad-Varshavskiy station.

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NEW PAINT DRYER -- Leningradskaya Pravda, 25 Dec 51

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The Kalinin Railroad-Car-Building Plant has produced a new dryer for allmetal passenger cars after painting. The apparatus dries the lacquer in 4 hours instead of the 40 hours required by the devices now in use.

NEW TIE IMPREGNATING SOLUTION -- Tallin, Scretskaya Estoniya, 26 Dec 51

The Tallin Polytechnical Institute together with the Track Service of the Estonian Railroad System have developed a new tie impregnating solution, ottained from the processing of local oil shale. The new preparation will be of use not only to the railroads but also to the construction industry.

MOINTY-CHU LINE IN TEMPORARY OPERATION -- Alma-Ata, Kazakhstanskaya Pravda,

On 15 December 1951 the entire Mointy-Chu line was opened for temporary operation and the first passenger train made its way over the route. Now the administration for construction is making up dense schedules for coal and other freight trains.

TASHKENT SYSTEM COMPLETES CARLOADING PLAN -- Tashkent, Pravda Vostoka, 18 Dec 51

On 15 December 1951, the Tashkent Railroad System completed its 1951 carloading plan. The number of freight cars of the system increased considerably during this year.

USSR RAILROADS COMPLETE YEAR PLANS -- Pravda, 1 Jan 52

B. Beshchev, Minister of Transportation USSR, announced the completion of the 1951 carloading plan by the railroads. They exceeded the planned norms for accelerating freight car turnaround time, for increasing labor productivity, for lowering fuel consumption, and for reducing the cost of hauling.

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